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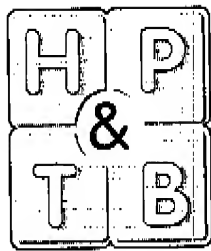
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ENCLOSURES: Agenda for Telephone Interview on February 26, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. EST



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 20, 2009
TO: Examiner Nicholas R. Taylor; Fax. (571) 273-3889
FROM: Adam Stone; Reg. No. 60,531
SUBJECT: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/683,918
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Mr. Taylor:

Please find attached to this memorandum an agenda for a telephonic interview regarding the above referenced application. During our recent phone conversation we agreed that you would call me at 1pm Eastern on February 26, 2009. I can be reached directly at (408) 414-1231. I look forward to receiving your call.

Respectfully submitted,

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- I. Discussion of the proposed amendments to Claim 1 (see attachment). Support for the amendments to Claim 1 can be found throughout Applicants' specification including, for example, in paragraphs [0044-0053].
- II. Discussion of why Claim 1 as amended is patentable over *Aura* as cited in the most recent Final Office Action. In particular, to the extent that *Aura* describes sending and receiving an accounting record in network messages it does not do so in Remote Authentication Dial In User Service protocol (RADIUS) messages by an Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA) server.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAIM 1

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for improving service accounting in a network, the method comprising the steps of:
in response to a first Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting (AAA) server receiving a request to ~~authenticate and~~ authorize a client,
said first server obtaining an accounting record for the client and
said first server sending ~~an~~ a Remote Authentication Dial In User Service protocol (RADIUS) access authorization-accept message that includes at least a portion of the accounting record within the message;
causing at least a portion the accounting record to be logged; and
a second ~~authentication, authorization, and accounting~~ AAA server receiving,
~~subsequent to the sending,~~ a RADIUS start session message that includes at least a portion the accounting record within the message;
wherein the first AAA server and the second AAA server are configured to implement the RADIUS network protocol.